

**ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 15, 2011  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Susie Austin, Dennis Williams, Rose Barton, Lou Hernandez, Bill Hisenkamp,  
Tom Cozzens, Susan Andrews, Pat Miller, James Pearson, Kathleen Books

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of January 19, 2011 were approved as read. The motion was voted on and carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Claudia Roska, Executive Director of the Addiction Resource Council spoke to the committee on what she sees as unmet needs in Waukesha County. She talked briefly about a group in Waukesha County called **Your Choice**. They are made up of students, parent and other family members who speak at area high schools about addiction. Claudia asked the committee to identify the lack of services available to teenagers and young adults in Waukesha County. She said the extra money could be used to fund the expansion of Teen Intervene, a brief intervention service that helps families and teenagers age 12 to 19. It is an evidenced based program and cost families \$250; however, cost is a major obstacle for most families to afford. The Addiction Resource Council would expand staff to meet the goals of helping more families. Even though there are less substance abuse services available addiction issues are not going away.

**DISCUSSION OF UNMET NEEDS**

Susie Austin handed out a rough draft of unmet needs as discussed in the last meeting. She suggests that the committee work on getting the Human Services Board to understand how serious the opiate addiction is in the community. It is a real health crisis. The committee discussed older adults and the lack of substance abuse services available. The 65 and older group need more specialized programming; and they do not fit with the general population. There are other issues such as physical health, lack of transportation and mixing alcohol with health meds. T-18 (Medicare) does not cover substance abuse services. Discussion followed.

The group discussed the rough draft of 2011 unmet needs. The committee will keep early intervention services as number one. Move the request for medicated assistance treatment for opiate addiction to number two and ask for realignment and refunding for an existing substance abuse counselor position for number three. Number four to maintain current level of funding for existing programs and five a cost of living increase for half way houses.

**CITIZEN MEMBER REPORT**

No Report.

## **COUNTY AODA STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

Susan Andrews reports that the half way houses are relatively full. The Waukesha County AODA Volunteers are looking at training opportunities.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Rose Barton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathleen Books to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The motion was voted on and passed.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date